

IISP Newsletter January 2025

Primary Years Programme

Leadership Camp





The PYP Leadership Camps provided students with valuable opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving skills. Through interactive activities, challenges, and reflections, students enhanced their confidence and leadership abilities. The camps across all grades fostered collaboration, decision-making, and responsibility, empowering young learners to become effective, empathetic leaders in their school and community.

PYP 1 and 2

The PYP 1 and 2 camps were conducted on the school campus. Participants engaged in dynamic games like Dragon Tail, Caterpillar Race, and a unique version of Tic Tac Toe, which promoted

agility, strategy, and collaboration. Fun activities, such as dancing to the Penguin Song and playing Can You Catch the Monkey, added excitement while encouraging teamwork and friendly competition. The day concluded with a reflective session called Memory Lane, where participants shared their favourite moments and lessons learned. Overall, the camp provided diverse opportunities for developing leadership qualities, enhancing communication skills, and stepping out of comfort zones, all while creating joyful memories and lasting bonds. Each participant received a keepsake cap and a group photo to commemorate their unforgettable journey filled with laughter and camaraderie.

PYP 3

On January 9th, PYP 3 learners participated in an inspiring Leadership Camp organised at Kamshet. The camp featured a series of engaging activities designed to explore key aspects of leadership. Learners faced challenges like ziplining to overcome fear and build resilience, rappelling to develop balance and test their core strength, and a variety of team-building games that emphasized collaboration and coordination. Throughout the day, learners reflected on their individual leadership qualities as they explored each activity. The camp provided not only valuable leadership insights but also a memorable opportunity for learners to bond with their friends and teachers in a fun and dynamic environment.

PYP 4

PYP 4 students embarked on an exciting overnight leadership camp in Khopoli over 16th and 17th January, filled with adventure, teamwork, and personal growth. They tackled thrilling activities like the Burma Bridge, rappelling, and trekking, building confidence and resilience. Engaging games encouraged collaboration, while the bonfire and talent show provided a platform for creativity and self-expression. The camp fostered leadership skills, independence, and camaraderie, creating unforgettable memories. Through challenges and fun experiences, students strengthened their ability to work together and overcome obstacles. Children also were asked to reflect on their own learning over the two days during the conclusion of the camp.

PYP 5

PYP 5 students embarked on an exciting three-day, two-night leadership camp in Khopoli, filled with adventure, teamwork, and creativity. They took on thrilling challenges like zip-lining, kayaking, river rafting, and high rope courses, pushing their limits while building confidence and resilience. The Mini Olympics encouraged sportsmanship and collaboration, while the bonfire and team games fostered strong friendships. A highlight of the camp was the students' short skits based on Hindi idioms, where they showcased their creativity and language skills in a fun, engaging way. The end-of-camp activity and reflection session allowed them to express their personal growth and key takeaways. Through a perfect blend of adventure, learning, and

creativity, students developed leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills. The camp left them with unforgettable memories, reinforcing the values of perseverance, teamwork, and self-confidence in both challenges and everyday life.

Expert Talk session by Aranyamie Wilderness Safaris



Wild Encounters: Exploring India's Wildlife and Conservation Tales

A guest lecture, in collaboration with Aranyamie Wilderness Safaris, was organized at Indus International School to enhance students' awareness of India's rich wildlife and ecosystems. The session offered an insightful exploration of diverse ecosystems and their interdependence, emphasizing the significance of ecological balance. Engaging stories of remarkable wildlife encounters and valuable lessons on conservation captivated the students, inspiring them to appreciate the importance of preserving biodiversity and fostering harmony with nature.

PYP 2 – End of Unit Celebration



PYP 2's End of Unit Celebration was a vibrant showcase of their learning about animals and habitats. The event featured a gallery walk where students proudly displayed creative models of various ecosystems, from rainforests to polar regions, demonstrating their deep understanding of habitats and biodiversity. Through interdisciplinary learning with drama, they brought these environments to life, engaging the audience with role-playing and storytelling. A key highlight was a debate on ethical dilemmas in conservation, where students applied critical thinking to real-world issues. The debate showcased the preparedness of students to apply their gained knowledge to new and real life situations thereby solidifying the wise learnings. The celebration

reflected their growth in inquiry, collaboration, and communication, making learning an immersive and meaningful experience.

Understanding Ted Talks – PYP 3 – 5



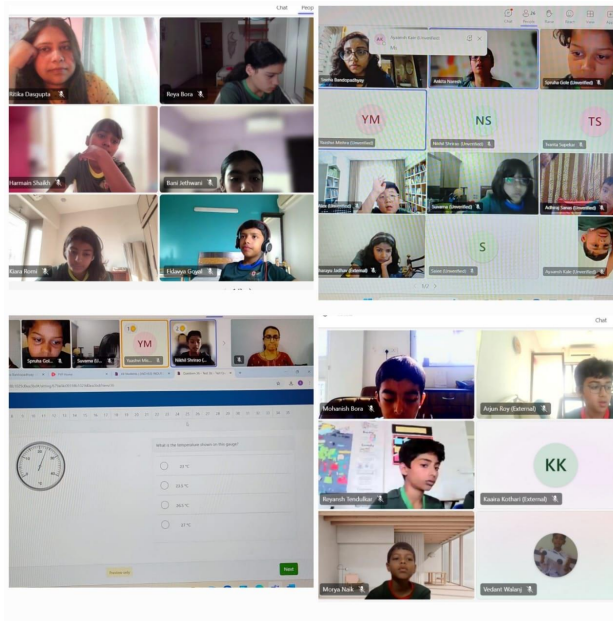
Ms. Puja, Head of the School of PYP, conducted an insightful session on TED Talks, guiding students on their structure, content, and impact. She explained the key elements of a compelling TED Talk, including storytelling, clarity, and emotional connection. Students were introduced to the idea of crafting engaging speeches with strong openings, clear messages, and powerful conclusions. She also emphasized the importance of body language and vocal expression. The session inspired students to confidently express their ideas and share meaningful stories in the coming days.

Financial Literacy Course – PYP 4 – 5



We extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Monita Mehra and Mr. Gaurav Patil for conducting an informative session on financial literacy for students of PYP 4 and 5. Their presentation highlighted the evolution of currency from its origins in metal to its contemporary digital form. This historical progression proved both engaging and enlightening for our students. The session further explored the concept of income and its various classifications. Finally, Ms. Mehra and Mr. Patil concluded by encouraging our young learners, emphasizing the correlation between knowledge and wealth, and advising them to commence saving and planning early, while maintaining a spirit of curiosity and continuous learning. Our next session will be held on 17th February where the same set of parents will cover – savings and budget.

ACER Exam – PYP 3 – 5



Students of PYP 3 – 5 attempted their second round of ACER Exams on 30th and 31st January. Children appeared for all 4 exams over the two day – English, Math, Science and Logical Reasoning.

Online Classes – 30th and 31st January

As a precautionary measure due to the GBS outbreak in Pune, the school conducted online classes for EYP and PYP students, ensuring uninterrupted learning. The sessions were interactive, engaging, and smoothly executed, with educators using creative strategies to maintain student participation. Despite the virtual format, students remained actively involved, fostering a dynamic and enriching learning experience throughout the two days.

UCMAS State Level Competition





Arianna appeared in State Level Competition for UCMAS Abacus Mental Mathematics and secured a Merit Position.



Very happy to inform you that Kovid has won 3 gold medals at the recently concluded 3rd Open National Taekwondo Championship organised by R B Horangee Taekwondo Do-Jang on 1st of Feb 2025. He won golds in the U-11 category for Kyorugi, Poomsae and Speed Kicking.

Upcoming Events February 2025

- 1st February- PYP Sports Day
- 7th February- PYP 4 Mini Exhibition
- 14th February- Spellathon
- 19th February - Shivaji Jayanti Holiday
- 21st February- PYP International Day
- 28th February- PYP Science Day

Middle Years Programme (MYP)

ISL CAMP

This year's ISL Camp proved to be an extraordinary experience, designed to help students step outside their comfort zones and build essential life skills. Throughout the camp, participants were immersed in a variety of team-building activities that encouraged collaboration, trust, and effective communication.

The camp wasn't just about physical challenges; it was about personal growth. By pushing themselves in a safe, supportive environment, students learned the importance of taking risks, embracing challenges, and discovering their own potential. Whether it was solving complex puzzles, navigating group tasks, or participating in outdoor adventures, every activity was tailored to enhance resilience, adaptability, and teamwork.

In addition to fostering a strong sense of camaraderie, these activities equipped students with vital strategies that extend beyond the camp experience. They gained confidence in their problem-solving abilities, honed their leadership skills, and discovered how to navigate challenges with creativity and determination.

Glimpses of ISL Grade 6













Glimpses of ISL Grade 7







Crowd Funding





This week, students had the opportunity to attend a dynamic crowdfunding session led by Ranganath Thota, Founder of Fueladream.com. In the session, Ranganath introduced students to the power of crowdfunding, highlighting how it combines storytelling, technology, communication skills, and an understanding of consumer behavior. Students learned how crowdfunding can be used not only to support social causes but also to fund their own innovative ideas and projects.

Student Achievements







Our students Armaan Choudhary, Aayanika Banerjee and Sharveel Deshmukh shined in the Singapore Math Olympiad.



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Nirvaan secured 1st place in the Taekwondo competition under-14 category at the Interschool Sports Festival held at EuroKids School, Undri on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

Upcoming Events

4th February to 7th February-ISL Batch 1 - Grade 8

12th February - Digital Learning Day

19th February - Shivaji Jayanti - Holiday

24th and 25th February - ACER

Diploma Programme (DP)-Senior School

Celebrating Creativity: National Art & Drawing Competition 2024



We are thrilled to announce that Wenxuan He, a talented Grade 10 student of Indus International School, Pune, has been awarded a *Participation Certificate* in the prestigious National Art & Drawing Competition 2024.

This recognition highlights Wenxuan's dedication, artistic skill, and passion for creativity. Participation in such esteemed competitions not only provides students with an opportunity to showcase their talent but also inspires them to aim higher in their artistic journey.

We congratulate Wenxuan on this achievement and look forward to witnessing more creative endeavors from our budding artists. Keep shining!

Guest Lecture by Advocate Krungal Gharre: An Inspiring Session for Grade 9 Design Students





On 23rd January, the Grade 9 Design class had the privilege of attending an enlightening guest lecture by **Advocate Krunnal Gharre**, a renowned environmental activist. The session was both enriching and interactive, offering valuable insights into the pressing issue of **human impact on the environment**.

Advocate Gharre encouraged students to empathize with their local surroundings and emphasized that **“You are never too small to make a change; you only need to think in the right direction.”** His words resonated deeply with the students, inspiring them to take small yet impactful actions toward environmental sustainability.

During the session, he shared the **PMC Care WhatsApp number (9689900020)**, informing students that the Pune Municipal Corporation provides extensive support to responsible citizens who take initiatives to protect and improve their environment.

The lecture was an eye-opener for students, helping them realize their **responsibility toward the environment** and motivating them to be proactive in creating a sustainable future. We extend our gratitude to Advocate Gharre for his time and for inspiring our young minds to think critically and act responsibly.

BEST DELEGATION AT FLAME MUN 2025 - INDUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PUNE



Our students have made us proud again by securing the **Best Delegation Award** at the prestigious **FLAME MUN 2025!** 🎉

This remarkable achievement was led by **Sara Shah- Grade 9** and **Agam Mundra- Grade 9**, who spearheaded the process from interviews and candidate selection to training new delegates. Their efforts were further supported by the invaluable guidance of **Ms. Anugya Agarwal** and **Ms. Sana Durrani**. 🙌

Here's a recap of our stellar results across the committees:

UNHRC

- **Verbal Mention:** Ameya Thore and Om Supe
- **Special Mention:** Ishaan Gite

UNSC

- **Verbal Mention:** Prajwal Rao
- **Special Mention:** Agam Mundra

IN AIPPM

- **Verbal Mention:** Rutu Jamdar
- **Special Mention:** Aryan Soniminde

American War Room

- **Verbal Mention:** Ryan

IPC

- **Verbal Mentions:** Tanishi Agarwal & Kiara Sirohi
- **Special Mentions:** Arjun Jagtap and Rhidayesh Kirdat
- **Best Press & Media:** Jehaan Agarwal
- **Best Reporter:** Sara Shah

This incredible performance reflects the hard work, dedication, and collaborative spirit of our students. Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding efforts and for bringing this honor to our school! 🎉

Let's continue to shine and inspire excellence! ✨

Grade 11 Students Thrive at Indus School of Leadership



The Indus School of Leadership recently hosted a dynamic outdoor learning program for Grade 11 students. This initiative emphasized teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills in a hands-on environment. The activities included obstacle courses, rock climbing, and outdoor cooking, which challenged the students physically and mentally. They learned the importance of collaboration, trust, and resilience while overcoming various tasks. The program also integrated map reading and team-building exercises that enhanced their strategic thinking. With vibrant group sessions and activities, the students developed a deeper sense of camaraderie and self-confidence.

Held amidst a scenic backdrop, the experience allowed participants to connect with nature and step out of their comfort zones. Key highlights included wall climbing and navigating obstacle courses with peer support. Such experiential learning helped the students uncover their leadership potential and fostered critical life skills. This initiative reflects the school's commitment to holistic education and nurturing future leaders.

Grade 11 Students' Heartwarming Visit to Maher Ashram



Grade 11 students visited Maher Ashram, a home for underprivileged children, as part of a community outreach program. The event was filled with joy, love, and meaningful interactions. Students spent quality time with the children, engaging in fun games and activities. They distributed smartwatches and cupcakes, bringing smiles to the children's faces.

The ashram was beautifully decorated with tricolor themes in celebration of national pride. The students also participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new facility at the ashram. Through this experience, they learned the value of giving back and fostering connections.

This memorable visit emphasized the importance of compassion, empathy, and creating positive impacts in the community. It also strengthened the students' sense of social responsibility and gratitude.

Session on Biomimicry club with DP1 students



The Indian National Space Settlement Design Competition (INSSDC) challenges students to demonstrate creativity and problem-solving in the field of space settlement design. Among the participants, Team Hyperion — comprising Indus students Ansh Lalwani, Hemang Keswani, and Shivam Kulkarni, along with talented peers from Pune — was tasked with designing a Martian research settlement.

One of the primary challenges encountered during the competition was mastering the intricacies of 3D design. Translating ambitious ideas into detailed digital models demanded countless revisions and a deep understanding of design principles. Additionally, the team focused on developing advanced systems to address the operational and safety requirements of a space settlement. These efforts involved extensive ideation, research, iterative prototyping, and problem-solving to create practical and reliable systems.

Despite setbacks and mistakes, the team's hard work paid off, and they emerged victorious. Now, Team Hyperion sets its sights on the Asian Regional Space Settlement Design Competition in Dubai. Drawing from their experiences, they plan to improve their designs, tackle new challenges, and aim for even higher standards. This next step is not just a test of their skills, but also a chance to grow and make their mark on an international stage.

Session on Biomimicry club with DP1 students

Mr. Gurvinder, Mr. Sachin Kalbhor, and Mr. Arvind Patole conducted an engaging session on the Biomimicry Club with grade 11 students.

The session introduced the concept of biomimicry, highlighting how nature inspires innovative solutions to human challenges. The facilitators shared fascinating examples, such as how the design of bullet trains was inspired by the kingfisher's beak and how Velcro was modeled after burrs. They encouraged students to observe nature closely and think creatively about sustainable designs. The session included interactive discussions and brainstorming activities to explore real-world problems. Students were guided on how to approach projects under the Biomimicry Club, fostering curiosity and innovation. The facilitators emphasized the importance of sustainability and eco-friendly solutions. They also shared success stories of biomimicry applications in technology, architecture, and medicine.

The session inspired students to harness the wisdom of nature for problem-solving. It was an enriching and thought-provoking experience for all participants.

Session by Ms. Sana Durrani, Knowledge Officer on Military History- Kargil War



Ms. Sana conducted an insightful session on the military history of the Kargil War, a significant conflict between India and Pakistan in 1999. She highlighted how the war erupted due to Pakistani forces and militants infiltrating Indian territory in the Kargil sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

The session delved into the bravery of Indian soldiers and their strategic operations, such as Operation Vijay, to reclaim the occupied posts. Ms. Sana discussed the challenges posed by the treacherous mountainous terrain and adverse weather conditions. She emphasized the importance of intelligence, coordination, and air support during the war. The session also shed light on the role of diplomacy in bringing the conflict to an end. Ms. Sana narrated stories of

valor, such as the sacrifices of Captain Vikram Batra and others. She explained how the Kargil War served as a lesson in military preparedness and international relations.

The session left participants inspired and more aware of India's military history.

Virtual Reality Experience: Exploring Zwinger Palace, Dresden



As part of an interdisciplinary learning approach, the German students, guided by their teacher Ms. Mukta Nagpal, had the exciting opportunity to explore the Zwinger Palace in Dresden, Germany, through Virtual Reality (VR). In the school's VR room, the students experienced a "live-like" tour of the palace, immersing themselves in its stunning Baroque architecture and rich cultural history.

While primarily exploring the palace's cultural and historical significance, the session also tied into concepts from mathematics and science. The students observed the intricate symmetry and geometric patterns in the palace's design, gaining insights into how mathematical precision played a crucial role in Baroque architecture. They discussed the balance and proportionality evident in the structures, reinforcing their understanding of mathematical concepts like symmetry, proportions, and spatial awareness.

From a scientific perspective, the students reflected on the engineering techniques used in constructing the palace, particularly how architects of the time managed weight distribution

and structural stability without the modern tools we rely on today. The discussion also included how advancements in materials and technology could transform such construction in today's world.

The students' enthusiasm was infectious as they actively engaged with the experience, asked thoughtful questions, and connected the visual and practical aspects of the palace to their classroom learning. Their discussions in German further enhanced their language skills, as they described architectural features and reflected on the significance of this iconic structure.

- This hands-on activity, led by Mukta Nagpal, demonstrated the power of VR in making learning immersive and interdisciplinary. By connecting history, culture, mathematics, and science, the session inspired students to think critically, appreciate global heritage, and explore connections across subjects.

Grade 12 Completion of English A Language & Literature Individual Orals

Grade 12 students have successfully completed the Individual Orals for English A Language & Literature between January 20 to 24. The Individual Orals represent a significant milestone in our student's academic journey, with each student presenting their analysis of an unseen literary extract, showcasing their proficiency in spoken language, critical analysis, and presentation skills.

This task not only challenged our students intellectually but also allowed them to demonstrate their understanding of key literary elements, textual analysis techniques, and thematic exploration. Through these assessments, students were able to delve deeply into their chosen texts, providing insightful interpretations and engaging with their peers in meaningful discussions.

The process was a culmination of months of preparation, guided by our dedicated faculty and a group of students who diligently supported in refining their analytical abilities and communication skills. Each student's performance was a testament to their hard work, dedication, and academic growth throughout the course.

We would like to congratulate all Grade 12 students who participated in the Individual Orals. Your commitment to academic excellence and your thoughtful engagement with the subject has been truly commendable. We are proud of your achievements and look forward to witnessing your continued success as you approach the culmination of your IB journey.

Student Achievements

Student Led Initiative



We are glad to share with all of you that the innovative initiative “Collaborate to Conserve” on “Plastic Waste Management” achieved its 12th milestone on 24 th January 2025. “Collaborate to Conserve” for plastic waste segregation and management was launched in October 2022 by Students Ronith Lahoti, Roniet Shende, Rajveer Jadhav and Arrsh Muttha.

This student led initiative, well guided by school faculty and supported by parents, collected another 25 kgs of household plastic waste since August 2024, reaching a total of 269 Kgs of plastic waste in 2 years since launch. The same was handed over to Keshav Sita Foundation & Rudra Environmental Solutions for conversion to usable polyfuels.

Exciting News: Grade 10- Ishita Shines at the Great Indian Ballet Competition!





We are thrilled to share that **Ishita** has brought pride to our school by securing **second place** in both categories she participated in at the prestigious **Great Indian Ballet Competition** held in Mumbai over the weekend.

Her stellar performances in **Modern Contemporary** and **Classical Ballet** (both solo) have been widely appreciated, showcasing her dedication and talent in dance.

Congratulations to Ishita on this incredible achievement! 🎉

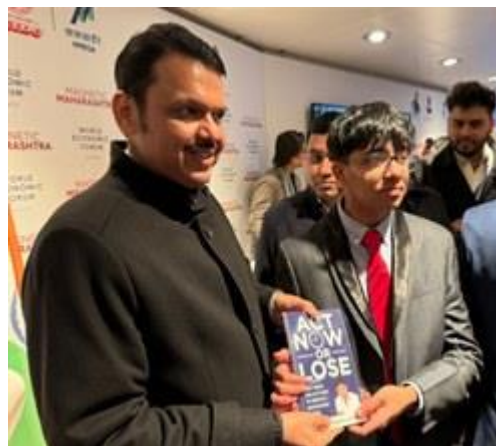
Let's celebrate her success and continue to encourage our students to pursue excellence in their passions. ✨

Parinoor Sekhon



Indus International School Pune proudly congratulates Parinoor Sekhon of DP-1 for her remarkable achievement in winning a nationwide writing competition by Keekli Charitable Trust, Himachal Pradesh! Her gripping story, full of unexpected twists and an unforgettable climax, has earned a spot in a prestigious anthology, showcasing her talent among 50 finalists. Parinoor's creativity and storytelling skills have set a new benchmark for excellence, inspiring her peers to pursue their passions.

Gr 12 Aaditya Huralikoppi - Invited to the Prestigious World Economic Forum Conference at Davos



We are proud to announce that one of our distinguished Gr 12 student, has been invited to attend the prestigious **World Economic Forum (WEF) Conference at Davos** from **January 20th to 24th, 2025**. This remarkable achievement is a testament to Aaditya's dedication to academic excellence and his keen interest in global economic and social issues.

The **WEF Annual Conference**, held in Davos, Switzerland, brings together world leaders, policymakers, business executives, and changemakers from various fields to discuss pressing global challenges and innovative solutions. Aaditya's participation in this global forum has provided him with an unparalleled opportunity to engage with thought leaders, gain valuable insights, and contribute to discussions on critical global issues. We at **Indus International School** are proud of Aaditya and his achievements. His selection for this conference highlights his commitment to making a meaningful impact on the world stage. May this be a stepping stone to many more incredible opportunities in the future!

Knowledge HUB





As part of developing the Knowledge HUB, Ms. Sana Durrani, the Knowledge Officer of the Indus International School was invited by the Internal Security Academy of the CRPF on the 20th of January 2025 at Mt Abu, Rajasthan.

The Knowledge Hub aims to expand the scope beyond the Army, Navy and Air Force to include the para-military to make the program even more meaningful and holistic for our future generations. Addressing the Combat Leadership Course Junior level for officers of the rank of Assistant Commandants and Second-in-Commandants of the CRPF, her talk revolved around the importance of Military history and how schools such as Indus International, Pune, despite being an IB school, is taking steps in this direction.

The lecture had a profound influence on the officers as they were deeply inspired and appreciated the fact that the services of the CRPF and other paramilitary forces such as theirs is being recognised at a school level. Ms Durrani's talk emphasised on the importance of how vital it is for the youth of today to be aware of what it takes to ensure our National Security, and the role played by these men and women in uniform who give their today for our tomorrow.

STEAM Curriculum

Meet our Maker's and Tinker's





We are thrilled to share the exciting launch of two dynamic initiatives for our young learners and middle school students: the Maker's Club and the Tinkering Club.

A Joyful Beginning

Even before the clubs officially kicked off, we were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our students. Their excitement was evident in the flurry of questions they asked:

- "When are we meeting in the club?"
- "What's special about it?"
- "What kinds of projects are we going to do?"

Hearing their eagerness fills us with immense joy and inspiration to ensure these clubs exceed their expectations.

Five Philosophy Behind the Clubs

- Learner-Centric Approach
- Embracing the unknown
- Encouraging questions over answers
- Playful exploration

- Solving real-world messy problems

The Exciting Kickoff!

We began with the Maker's Club, followed by the Tinkering Club, each offering unique activities and projects tailored to students' interests and skill levels.

What Happened in the First Session?

- **Maker's Club Session 1 :**

Students dived into building a rule-based chatbot, and it was a blend of fun and learning in our STEAM lab. They explored concepts such as creating variables to store different values, using operators, and implementing conditional statements, all within an engaging project-based framework.

- **Maker's Club Session 2:**

This week, our young makers engaged in an exciting hands-on project—building their own Floor Piano using Makey Makey. Through this activity, they explored key concepts such as conductivity, and open and closed circuits, and seamlessly integrated their design with Scratch to create a fully functional piano. It was an incredible learning experience, fostering creativity and innovation in our students!

- **Tinkering Club:**

Not to be left behind, our young tinkerers started their journey by creating Turtle graphics games using Python. They experimented with drawing shapes like stars, rectangles, and pentagons while learning Python syntax, installing libraries, object instantiation, and writing efficient code with control loops. Both groups had an incredible time, balancing fun with deep learning, and their energy was truly inspiring.

What's Next?

Stay tuned! In the upcoming sessions, our Makers will dive into prototyping with IoT using Makey Makey to identify insulators and conductors, while the Tinkerers will take on an exciting **Turtle Race challenge using Python.**

Want to Join the Fun?

Enrolling is easy! Simply drop an email to sathya.sathish@indusschoolpune.com¹ and we will get you started on this exciting journey of making and tinkering!

Let's continue to inspire, innovate, and explore together!

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College Guidance and Counselling Department

Class of 2025 – College Destinations

We are proud of our Grade 12 students as they have received fantastic offers from Universities globally. The maximum number of offers so far are from the US with Barnard College (Columbia University), Emory University, New York University, University of Chicago, University of Southern California, Purdue University and Indiana University Kelly School of Business being some of the highlights.

Our students have bagged some brilliant offers in the UK and other countries as well. Some of the notable offers come from prestigious Universities such as University of St. Andrews, University of Edinburgh, King's College London, University of Manchester, University of Warwick, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, Bocconi University, ESSEC Business School, Krea University, OP Jindal Global Law School and many more. You can find a complete list of offers in the table below -

USA

Arizona State University

Barnard College (Columbia University)

Baylor University

Boston College

Case Western Reserve University

Chapman University

Clarkson University

Drexel University

Embry Riddle Aeronautical university

Emory University

Florida Institute of Technology

Indiana University Kelley Business School

Loyola University Chicago

Lynn University

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Miami University
Muhlenberg University
Ohio University
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology – New York
Rutgers University – New Brunswick
SUNY Binghamton University
SUNY Stony Brook University
SUNY University at Buffalo
The University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Pittsburgh
University of Southern California

UK

King's College London
Kingston University
Middlesex University
The University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Leeds
University of Leicester

University of Manchester

University of St Andrews

University of Warwick

AUSTRALIA

Deakin University

La Trobe University

Monash University

University of Melbourne

University of Sydney

INDIA

Alliance University

Ashoka University

Azim Premji University

Krea University

OP Jindal Global Law School

Russell Square International College

Shiv Nadar University

EUROPE, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, DUBAI

Bocconi University – Italy

ESSEC Business School – France

Luxemburg Business School – Luxembourg

Maastricht University – Netherlands

Rochester Institute of Technology – Dubai

The American University of Paris

University of Waikato - New Zealand

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Netherlands

The College Counsellors continue to work with students applying to other countries guiding them with the application process and document submissions.

Classroom Sessions

This term, the College Counselling Department has increased the number of classroom sessions for Grade 11 from twice a month to once a week on Fridays. The goal is to build a strong connect with the students by meeting them more frequently and guiding them in all aspects of the College Application process.

The College Counsellors will continue meeting Grades 9 and 10 once a month in the classrooms to discuss topics like subject clusters, majors, career choices, summer programs, and how to build their profiles.

Learning Beyond the Classroom: A Journey into Professional Spaces

Our High School students were offered 2 internships through a collaboration with the parent body at Proto Tech Solutions and PRESPL. 7 students in total took up this opportunity to explore and shadow professionals in the fields of Computer Technology and Programming as well as Biomass Production.

They are –

Aarya Baviskar

Arjun Jagtap

Aura Dias

Hemang Keswani

Tanvi Bathula

Tanvi Deshpande

Tanvi Raut

These internships have provided our students with invaluable firsthand knowledge and exposure to a professional workspace, allowing them to apply their classroom learning in real-world scenarios.

Through their time at Proto Tech Solutions, students delved into the dynamic world of computer technology, gaining insights into software development, coding practices, and the latest technological advancements. Meanwhile, those at PRESPL immersed themselves in the innovative field of biomass production, learning about sustainable energy solutions and the processes involved in converting organic materials into renewable energy sources.

Apart from these the following students attended the AIYA (AI Internship for Young Achievers) and GRIP (Global Research and Innovation Programme) Programs offered by Corporate Gurukul.

Yaashabh Agrawal

Rishi Kamath

Mehr Malhotra

Prajwal Rao

Aria Baldota

Priyal Sarda

Designed for curious and inquisitive minds with a deep passion for Artificial Intelligence, the AIYA programme provided young learners with the opportunity to learn and apply AI across various domains. Along with rigorous academic learning, students also experienced life at NUS University, enhancing their soft skills, adaptability, and decision-making abilities.

GRIP is a rigorous, collaborative research experience that uses Design Thinking to solve real-world problems, conduct empathy-led research and develop innovative, marketable prototypes in partnership with NUS. This is an ideal programme for students who want to build a non-STEM careers i.e. commerce and humanities careers.

These experiences have not only enhanced their technical skills but also fostered essential soft skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. By working alongside industry experts, our students have developed a deeper understanding of their chosen fields and have been inspired to pursue further studies and careers in these areas.

CIALFO College Fair – Explore Future Opportunities









CIALFO, our official partner for submitting documents to universities, organized an exclusive college fair for Indus Pune students on January 20th, 2025. This exciting event featured 15 prestigious universities from around the globe, including Australia, Canada, UK, US, and Switzerland. The fair provided a unique opportunity for students to interact directly with university representatives, gaining insights into various programs, admission processes, and campus life. The highlight of the fair was undoubtedly Sagie, the CIALFO mascot, who added a vibrant and authentic university atmosphere to the event. Sagie's presence brought an element of fun and engagement, making the college fair not only informative but also memorable for all attendees. Students had the chance to explore diverse educational opportunities, ask questions, and gather valuable information to help them make informed decisions about their future studies.

Below is a complete list of the Universities that participated in the fair.

| University Name | Region |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| • Australian National University | Australia |
| • Monash University | Australia |
| • Le Cordon Blue | Australia |
| • Macquarie University | Australia |
| • University of Sydney | Australia |
| • Stevenson University | US |
| • SUNY Buffalo State | US |
| • Wichita State University | US |
| • Iowa State University | US |

- McGill University CA
- Nipissing University CA
- Staffordshire University UK
- Brunel University of London UK
- BIMM University UK
- University of Exeter UK

The event was a resounding success, leaving students inspired and better prepared to embark on their higher education journeys.

Summer Programs – Explore and Engage

The College Counselling Department has been actively sharing a variety of free time engagement opportunities to help enhance every student's profile. With students now well into their Second Term, it's the perfect time to start planning for the upcoming Summer Break. Universities worldwide are beginning to open up their Summer Programs, offering a fantastic chance for students to dive into new learning experiences.

These programs come in both online and in-person formats, catering to different preferences and schedules. Whether you're looking to attend a program from the comfort of your home or eager to travel and experience a university campus firsthand,, there's something for everyone. Online programs offer flexibility and access to global resources, while in-person opportunities provide immersive experiences and the chance to connect with peers and faculty face-to-face.

Below is a list of Summer Program opportunities that were shared with students through Toddle

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| Date of Toddle Announcement | Program |
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| • 9th Jan 2025 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) College College Credit Jumpstart for High Schoolers |
| • 9th Jan 2025 | The Next Genius Scholarship Program for Summer Programs |
| • 10th Jan 2025 | Nanyang Technological University - Future Exploration Programme this Summer |

- 29th Jan 2025 **BU Summer Journalism Academy**

As the season progresses, many more options will soon become available. Students are encouraged to keep a close watch on Toddle for the latest updates and opportunities. Additionally, they can directly explore university websites to find programs that align with their interests and goals.

An online information session was conducted on 18th January for summertime engagement opportunities in the UK, US, and Singapore.

Global Certs is offering a specially curated CIP (Corporate Initiation Program) which is a 4-week integrated model for Product Management during the summer. They have a tie-up with NUS Singapore and University of Kent to provide students with hands-on training before they start the internship.

There is also a US University College tour planned exclusively for our Indus students who would like to visit some of the top schools on the East Coast including MIT, Harvard and NYU. Please note that a minimum of 10 students is required for this tour to happen.

By participating in these Summer Programs, students can not only enrich their academic profiles but also gain valuable skills and insights that will benefit them in their future educational and career endeavours. So, stay tuned and be proactive in exploring these exciting opportunities!

Competitions – Challenge Yourself and Shine

The Wharton Sports Analytics and Business Initiative, in conjunction with Wharton Global Youth, is excited to host the **Wharton High School Data Science Competition: Basketball Tournament Predictions**. Using team-level box score data from an entire regular season of women's college basketball, teams of high school students worldwide will determine rankings and predict winning percentages for postseason play.

We had a very positive response for the Wharton Data Science Competition which is from Feb to April 2025. 4 teams signed up for the competition. They are –

Team Eagles 4

Prajwal Rao

Rishi Kamat

Ruhi Raghavan

Tanvi Raut

Team Statletes

Aarav Shah

Gaurav Mandhyan

Yug Khandelwal

Ishaan Gangwani

Sumedh Jadhav

Team Strawberry Fields

Yaashabh Agrawal

Henil Limbani

Smera Shrestha

Ishika Mamdani

Om Kakkad

Team Falcons 7

Ayanaaya Waghmare

Kanav Romi

Yuvraj Verma

Team Clutch Coders

Aaryav Grover

Arsh Shelke

Agam Mundra

Ved Oswal

Abhimanyu Sureka

ie University, Spain has also come up with a series of **Global Challenges and Competitions** for Grade 11 and 12 students. Students will get a chance to participate in any of the below 6 areas as per their interest.

- **The Math Challenge**
- **Immersive Entertainment Challenge**
- **Technological Positive Tipping Points: Restoring Our Planet's Environmental Health Challenge**
- **LALALAND Challenge: Tackling the Spread of Disinformation**
- **The Future is in Your Hands: Solve Real-World Challenges Through Games**
- **Understanding and Applying Social Influence in the Real-world**

Keep a lookout for the registration dates which will be announced shortly. The competitions will be conducted in the months of February and March.

SAT and PSAT Online Information Sessions

The College Counselling Department will be conducting the SAT on 8th March 2025 and the PSAT 8/9/10 on 3rd April 2025.

Apart from the free preparatory resources shared in the Student Folder, Indus has collaborated with Rewiser (<https://www.rewiser.in/>) as their official Test Prep partner to provide students with an opportunity to be trained professionally. ReWiser is a high school support company that assists students worldwide to achieve their academic goals. They have helped more than 4000 students across 6+ countries over the last 7 years. ReWiser provides both 1:1 and group classes for SAT as well as ACT Exam Prep.

Online information sessions were conducted on Saturday 25th January 2025 by Rewiser to share details about their training programs. The recordings have been emailed to you. PSAT preparatory classes will begin from 1st Feb 2025. Pls find the tentative schedule below

English Sun - 1:30-3pm Wed - 6:30-8pm

Math Sat - 1:30-3pm Mon - 6:30-8pm

If you are interested in finding out more about the program, you may connect directly with Mr. Siddharth Bahuja at 9620451807 or email him at siddharth@rewiser.in.

Upcoming Events

EU Business School Visit

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5th February 2025

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| ACT Examination | - | 8th February 2025 |
| Study in New Zealand Session | - | 14th February 2025 |
| SAT Registration Deadline for March Attempt | - | 21st February 2025 |

Sports

New Year, New Opportunities, and Eagles Ready to Soar High in 2025!























As the new year unfolds, the spirit of opportunity and ambition is alive and strong at Indus International School, Pune. The school's talented athletes are gearing up for a thrilling 2025 with the belief that their hard work and dedication will make this year even more remarkable.

Swimming Students Meet Principal for Upcoming Competitions

Our swimming students had a special meet with Principal Sir to discuss the exciting competitions and challenges that lie ahead in 2025. The session was filled with enthusiasm and motivation as they geared up for the upcoming events, ready to represent the school with pride.

Kiara Gada Shines at Avaada Otters Squash Open 2024

We are immensely proud to announce that Kiara Gada, a Grade 8 student, has won the Silver Medal in the Girls Under-13 category at the Avaada Otters Squash Open 2024 held in Mumbai from January 14th to 18th, 2024. Organized by the Squash Racket Federation of India, the

prestigious tournament saw participation from 650 players across various categories. In a fiercely competitive field, Kiara stood out, competing against 30 athletes in her age group. Her remarkable achievement is a testament to her dedication and skill, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Kiara, wishing her continued success in her squash journey!

Tennis Tournament Update: Ayansh Akhade Reaches Semifinals

In another sporting achievement, Ayansh Akhade, a Grade 2 student, represented our school at the PMDTA Silver Series held at Millennium National School, Pune. His outstanding performance saw him reach the semifinals, marking a significant accomplishment for such a young player. We applaud Ayansh for his remarkable progress and determination.

Sports Day 2025 Trials Begin with Enthusiasm

The trials for Sports Day 2025 kicked off with great excitement, setting the stage for an action-packed year ahead. Our athletes are fully charged and ready to take on the challenges that await during the sports season.

Indus International School Shines at the Tricolor Basketball Tournament

Our basketball teams showcased their skills at the Tricolor Basketball Tournament, held on January 25th and 26th, 2025. With around 100 schools and clubs participating in various age categories, our teams made their mark. The Under-17 team secured the Second Runner-Up position, competing against 15 esteemed clubs and 3 schools in Pune. Additionally, Shaylan Dua emerged as the Best Scorer in the tournament, an impressive individual achievement that deserves special recognition.

As we move into the new year, the sports community at Indus International School, Pune, is buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. We're incredibly proud of our students' achievements so far and look forward to even more victories and growth in the year ahead!

Go Eagles!

Boarding

4th January: Students report to Boarding after Winter Break



After a refreshing winter break, the boarding campus is alive with excitement as students return, sharing stories of their holidays and reuniting with friends. The boarding rooms were warmly prepared, and a cozy environment brought everyone together to share their break highlights. With fresh energy, students are ready to dive into a new semester filled with exciting weekend activities, hobby clubs, sports and academic goals. Here's to a vibrant and memorable term ahead—welcome back!

Morning Activities





Each morning, our boarding students kick-start their day with fitness activities like jogging, yoga, exercises, and fun sports, guided by coaches to build strength and discipline. Meanwhile, Grade 10 and 12 students dedicate this time to focused study sessions, preparing for their board exams in a quiet, productive environment. This balanced routine ensures both physical well-being and academic excellence.

11th January: BHPs Interactions with students' room checks and unwind





Boarding House Parents (BHPs) use room checks not just to check for cleanliness but as a chance to connect with students and ensure their well-being. To further strengthen bonds, they've introduced "Circle Up," a group discussion tool that encourages open sharing and a constructive method to resolve disagreements and conflicts. This approach fosters trust, community, and better communication, enriching the boarding experience for all and creating a friendly and happy environment.

12th January: Makar Sankranti - Kite Flying





Our boarding students celebrated Makar Sankranti with joy and enthusiasm, filling the sky with vibrant kites. Laughter and cheers filled the air as students mastered flying techniques, exchanged tips, and enjoyed friendly rivalries. The house parents joined in, adding to the festive spirit.

As the sun set, the students cherished the fun with friends and made new memories, marking the day as a perfect blend of tradition and fun.

18th January: Health and Hygiene Session by Dr. Kaveri





Dr. Kaveri, the resident doctor, conducted an informative session on health and hygiene for the boarding students. She emphasized the importance of basic hygiene practices like handwashing, oral care, and cleanliness in daily routines, explaining their role in preventing infections and maintaining good health. The session also covered nutrition, hydration, and the benefits of physical activity.

Following the general session, a separate session was held for the girls, focusing on menstrual health and hygiene. Dr. Kaveri discussed topics like menstrual cycles, hygiene practices, and managing discomfort, providing a supportive space for open discussions.

The session was an engaging and valuable opportunity for the students to learn essential health practices.

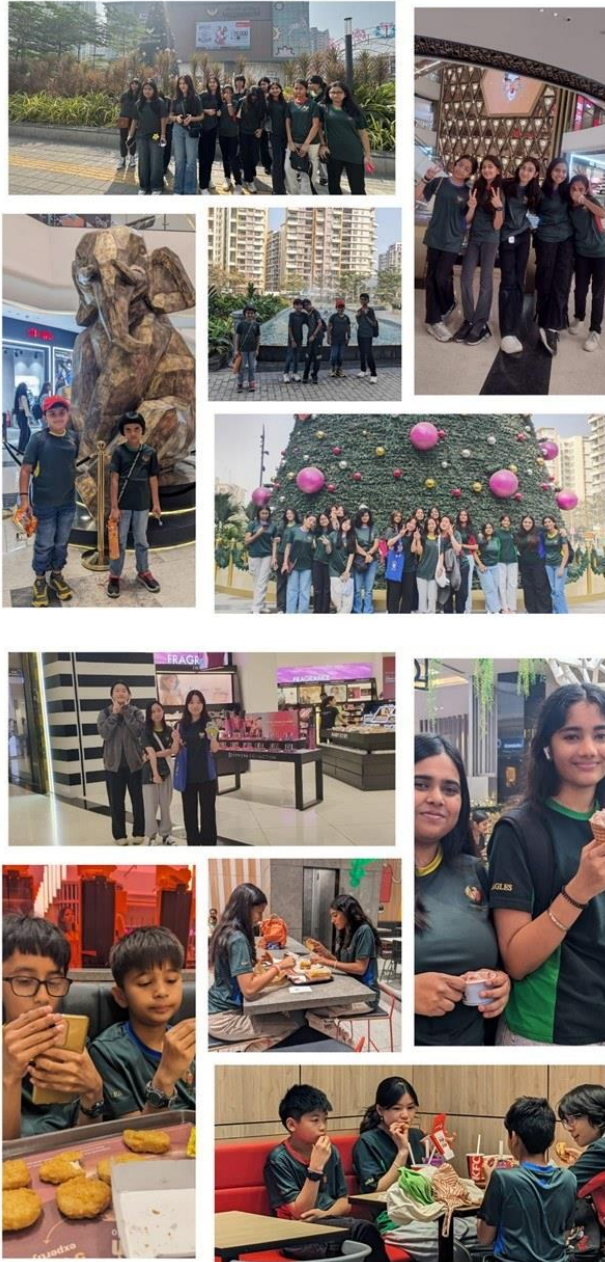
19th January: Mall Outing-Pavillion Mall

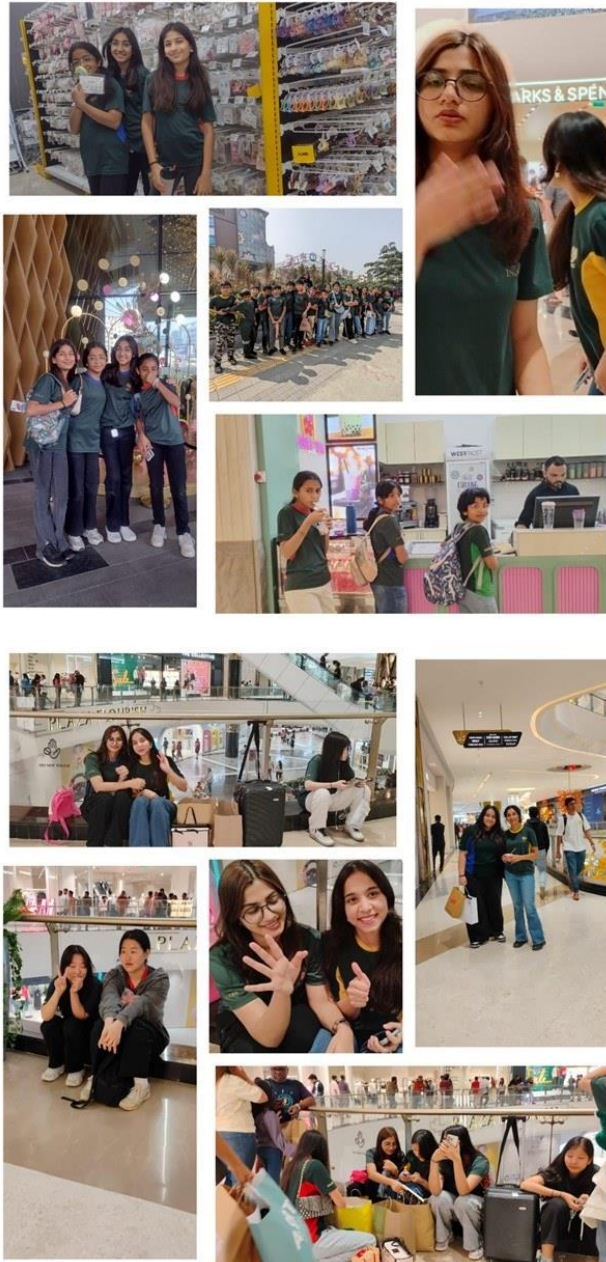




The much-awaited weekend brought excitement as the boys of the boarding school headed to Pavilion Mall for a refreshing outing. They eagerly explored the latest fashion, gadgets, and accessories, enjoying shopping and browsing through a variety of stores. Some students took a break from shopping to try their hand at games in Time Zone, adding an element of fun to the day. The food court became a major attraction, where they relished their favourite snacks and meals, making it a perfect opportunity to unwind and socialize. The outing was a much-needed break for the boys, allowing them to relax, bond, and create lasting memories.

Millennium Mall





The girls set off to Millennium Mall, where they had their own delightful experience. They explored trendy fashion outlets, picked out accessories, and enjoyed window shopping. Many students visited beauty and lifestyle stores, indulging in a bit of pampering, while others treated themselves to delicious snacks and meals at the food court. The day was a perfect blend of leisure and enjoyment, offering the girls a welcome break from their academic routines. The outing allowed them to unwind, catch up with friends, and enjoy some time away from school.

25th January: Interactive session with Boarding Counsellor - Managing Emotions



Boarding students attended an insightful session on "Managing Emotions" with Ms. Geoceline, where they explored self-awareness, emotional regulation, common triggers and coping strategies. Through interactive discussions and activities, students learned about how emotions affect behavior and decision-making skills. Various techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing exercises, positive self-talk and effective ways to handle stress and express emotions constructively were also discussed. Anger management strategies were also introduced. The session provided a safe space for sharing experiences and emphasized the importance of

seeking support. Students found it valuable, gaining essential skills to navigate emotions effectively in their daily lives.

26th January: Republic Day Celebrations





The boarding students came together to celebrate India's 76th Republic Day with enthusiasm and patriotism. The event began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by the singing of the national anthem, filling the air with a sense of pride and unity. highlighting the significance of the day and India's journey as a republic.

To instill the values of courage and determination, students were shown the movie The Silent Heroes, which inspired them with its message of resilience and bravery. The celebration was a meaningful reminder of India's rich heritage and the responsibilities that come with freedom.

26th January: visit to Empress Garden





Some of the Boarders, visited Empress Garden to explore its diverse plant life and serene landscapes as well as the flower show organized by the garden staff. They learned about horticulture, plant care, and sustainable gardening from experts. Highlights included the Bonsai section, the vibrant butterfly garden, and the greenhouse tour. The visit enriched their understanding of nature and deepened their passion for gardening. On the way back, students enjoyed a delicious meal at McDonald's, making the day even more memorable.

Hobby Clubs

1. Karate and Self Defense: Mr. Shamsher Alam



2. Cooking and Baking: Ms. Ujwala Kamble



3. Storytelling, Dance & Drama: Ms. Neena Srivastava



4. Gardening : Ms. Aruna Yadav



5. Cross-Fit & Training: Mr. Mahesh Gulia



6. Traditional Games: Mr. Akshay Mujumale



8. Best out of Waste: Ms. Meera Kripal



Upcoming Events in February

- 1st February: Rest Day as MYP and Sr. School, completed their Sports Day event on Friday, 31 Jan 2025
- 2nd February: Torna Fort Trek or Shivneri Fort Visit
- 8th February: Preparation for Fun and Fair Event
- 9th February: Fun and Fair Event
- 15th February: Board Games / Petanque Competition / John Wick Challenge
- 16th February: Lunch Outing
- 19th February: Shivaji Jayanti Celebrations - Rangoli Competition
- 22nd February: Bingo/Tambola Party
- 23rd February: Movie Night



Thanks, and warm Regards,

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